

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 13 remain in this application. Claim 1 has been amended. Reconsideration of this application in view of the amendments noted is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 was objected to because of a typographical error. To correct this informality, the word "is" has been added before the word "adapted" in line 1 of the claim.

Applicant has also amended claim 1 to clarify and more precisely describe certain features of the present invention. First, applicant has amended claim 1 to improve the grammar and syntax of the claim. Second, applicant has amended claim 1 to read that the load-bearing and cross-directional frame includes "opposing end components for attaching said frame to said forming machine, and at least one elongated cross component of a box-type structure extending along a longitudinal direction between and connecting said end components, said cross component including at least one partition wall disposed perpendicularly to said longitudinal direction in said cross component." The partition wall(s) (24) is shown in Figs. 5a and 5b and described on page 8, lines 28 - 33 and page 9, lines 27 - 29 of the specification. The limitation that the end components are for attaching the frame to the forming machine is supported by the specification on page 7, lines 7 - 10. These features are not taught or suggested by any of the cited references, nor can they be obtained by any combination of the cited references.

Claims 1 - 2, 5, and 7 - 13 were rejected under Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yoshinaga (U.S. Patent No. 5,650,011) in view of Baskett (U.S. Patent No. 3,200,656). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Neither Yoshinaga nor Baskett teach or suggest the present invention, and no combination of Yoshinaga and Baskett results in the present invention.

Yoshinaga and Baskett, alone or in combination, fail to disclose the features of the present invention as found in the claims. Turning first to Yoshinaga, there is no teaching or suggestion in Yoshinaga of a frame including opposing end components for attaching the

frame to the forming machine, and at least one elongated cross component of a box-type structure extending along a longitudinal direction between and connecting the end components, the cross component including at least one partition wall disposed perpendicularly to the longitudinal direction in the cross component. In Fig. 2 of Yoshinaga, the unnumbered bars extending between and beyond item 42 are elongated, solid beams. Further, in Yoshinaga, there are no end components nor are there end components attached to the at least one cross component. As can be seen in Fig. 2 of Yoshinaga, there are no elements attached to the solid beams (unnumbered) at ends thereof. Moreover, it follows that Yoshinaga fails to teach or suggest end components supported by the forming machine. All of these features are found in claim 1 of the present application.

Turning to Baskett, Baskett discloses a mounting apparatus for traveling, surface-processing appliances. Baskett does not teach or suggest a frame including opposing end components for attaching the frame to the forming machine, and at least one elongated cross component of a box-type structure extending along a longitudinal direction between and connecting the end components, the cross component including at least one partition wall disposed perpendicularly to the longitudinal direction in the cross component. Baskett does not teach or suggest the cross component(s) being attached to end components, nor that the end components are attached to a forming machine. Instead, Baskett teaches a vertically (not horizontally) extending hollow, pole-like structure of rectangular cross section and divided internally by one longitudinal partition extending along the vertical length of the pole. Baskett does not teach or suggest a plurality of cells/boxes formed at intervals by partition wall(s) arranged perpendicularly relative to the cross component as in the present invention. Moreover, the partition of Baskett cannot run in a crosswise/perpendicular direction because it would prevent the carriage (20) from moving up and down. Therefore, no combination of Baskett with Yoshinaga would result in the present invention as found in the present claims.

Furthermore, there is no motivation in Baskett to combine Baskett with a coating apparatus such as Yoshinaga for coating a moving web. Baskett is an elongated, vertical

pole including a moving, controllable carriage for painting, brushing, scrapping a vertically extending wall surface. Hence, in Baskett, the carriage moves while the surface being treated is stationary. Baskett is an entirely different treatment device than a coating apparatus for coating a moving web, and one skilled in the art would not be inclined to combine Yoshinaga with Baskett. The devices of Yoshinaga and Baskett are completely different and function differently from each other. The combination of Yoshinaga and Baskett would not result in a functioning device, and as stated above, no combination of Yoshinaga and Baskett results in the present invention.

Finally, applicant maintains its previous arguments made with respect to Yoshinaga and the claims of the present application.

For all of the above stated reasons, claim 1 of the present application is patentable over any combination of Yoshinaga and Baskett. Also, claims 2, 5, and 7 - 13, depending directly or indirectly from claim 1, are also allowable. Therefore, applicant respectfully requests that the Section 103(a) rejection of claims 1 - 2, 5, and 7 - 13 over Yoshinaga in view of Baskett be withdrawn.

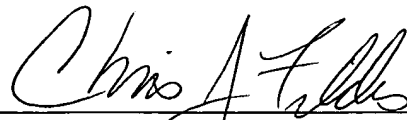
This amendment is believed to be fully responsive to the comments and suggestions of the examiner and to place this application in condition for allowance. Further, this amendment should be entered as it places the application in condition for allowance or in better form for appeal. No further search or consideration is required. Favorable action is requested.

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